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HAM. Boyce Building.

Opening the Museum on Sundays.

The announcement that upon the completion of the new building, the collections How many mere men live their threeof the Smithsonian Institution and Na- score years and ten without accumu tional Museum will be on view in the lating a tithe of the smartness you demevenings and on Sundays is most gratify- onstrate in the matter of acorns and ing, indeed.

It marks another progressive step at the Capital, and is hailed with general approval, naturally,

Washington is not only the most beautiful, but is the most interesting of all day denied much of the pleasure and profit in the production of gold; in part, it is the ine that residence here should give them by rules governing admittance to public is the result of increased wages, in part the resu seeing what there is to be seen and learning what may be learned; they find jected to regulation. really do not know their Washington.

similarly extended its rules, and as we sional election can do it." It cannot. the American Capital,

two institutions upon the long-delayed but fear of a Republican Senate accepting decided upon.

Cause and Effect.

and instruction of an anxious world.

The excruciating details of this mirthhereinafter set forth. A constable of the village persuasion met a large and portly woman whose "name was Maud." The facetious constable approached her in great glee, therefore, and in her unwilling ears bawled "Hee haw!" At this point the righteously outraged "Maud" reached behind and secured from somewhere-this is a little indefinite, but that does not matter-a big pail of scalding water, which she poured down the constable's back, much to his vociferously expressed distress and chagrin, but to the unalloyed delight of the multitude that had by this time gathered around and about.

The story is familiar, but it will bear repetition in the "comic" supplements. It has been pictorially recited, over and over again, of course, but an additional thrusting upon the public will not matter | Halley's comet? particularly. In fact, this village performance may be accepted, perhaps, as a neat compliment to the makers of the named "Tranquillity." That is enough to "comics." Surely in plot and culmination, at least, it all fell out as if it might have been patterned after the and Hooligan and Mrs. Katzenjammer.

aver that the colored supplement is burg Dispatch. That, however, will beat nothing more or less than a crude and the Brownsville case, which seems likely From the Topeka Capital. coarse burlesque of daily life; that it never has been true to things as they are or possibly might be. It remained for this little Pennsylvania town to up- any moment. Must be a Democratic sort many. set the wiseacres, who, in their turn, of luminary. have sought to upset the "comic" supplements. Here we have a concrete example of real "comic" supplement doings-right off the bat, so to speak.

The next time you feel an inclination to belittle the "funny" end of some of saying nothing.

The Wisdom of the Woodpecker.

Let us pause a moment, as we progress trusts, and the all-round cussedness of plutocracy in general, the while we conproblem of food.

the owl bedecked in a dunce-cap and arrayed in motley. This smart little bird is able to see far beyond the end of his bill. He not only lays aside things for Kenesaw Mountain Landis is magnifia rainy day, but he makes them work cent; but the trusts do not seem to pay while they walt. When autumn leaves the fines, nevertheless. begin to fall and hints of frost are in the atmosphere, the woodpecker puts in his spare moments hiding fat, julcy acorns in nice little cavities pecked out by himself in ancient and decaying pine trees. By the time winter has wrapped old earth overstrung nerves. With both the Lords in its chill embrace and clothed the and the Liberals claiming a victory we

succulent acorns scattered around, here of mind. and there, but always where he knows they will be safe until he wants them. Curiously enough-and thereby hangs this tale-the woodpecker is not a vegetarian, however. He prefers fleshy re- merry. pasts. Were he a human being, he would not join the beef boycott. He would find a rule worth two of that. He would beat

pecker! that, though they be hidden from outside Pittsburg "sucker," perhaps. interference, they are not beyond the reach of certain living creatures that most do congregate inside those same ancient and decaying pine trees aforesaid; so when hard times come and hun-No attention will be paid to anonymous ger gnaws at our diminutive hero's vicontributions, and no communications to tals, he flies away to one of his cachesstretching the word's meaning a trifle, the Rochester Herald. That, indeed, Manuscripts offered for publication will to be sure—and there uncovers that which probably is keeping them awake far into be returned if unavailable, but stamps recently was a fat and juley acorn, but now is, in woodpecker philosophy, at least, a bundle of extremely appetizing

newspaper, whether for the daily or the and palatable worms.

Sunday issue, should be addressed to The moral of this rec The moral of this recital is so obvious, tract all the mean things we have ever strike.' and the subsequent and merited hunger- said about bangs. less estate of the woodpecker so plainly indicated, that we deem it not worth while to elaborate the discussion or amplify the argument. We merely serve it up au naturel, as it were, hoping and believing that it carries its own lesson written so compellingly and attractively that even

> Cute and erudite little woodpecker worms!

High Prices and the Tariff.

Commenting upon the cost of living the Churchman says:

he who runs may read

"To some extent the increase is general the American cities: yet its own people are to- world over, and due, indirectly, to the vast increase itable result of the partial exhaustion of natural resources. In part, though in very small part, buildings. Visiting sightseers derive of habitual extravagance. But a very large part pleasure and profit in abundance from a part larger than all these others combined, is due to the exactions of trusts, often made possible by the tariff, and to speculation that might be sub-

worth journeying many miles to see. But copal Church supplements its own view farewell with respect to that, it seems. there are many thousands of Washing of conditions by quoting approvingly an tonians, who comprise the workaday local editorial from the Wall Street Journal, world, who are shut off from these things which says that "high prices for comand the educational advantages in them | modities are at the root of labor unrest; because their only leisure comes in the that they are "grinding the citizen of the ster out of date, if he should come to evenings and on Sundays. Thus it comes middle or professional class as he was life and seek to tell it a thing or two. about that many Washington people never bruised before;" and "a little more pressure of the kind and there can be no We are pleased that this condition is question that the protective duties of this sauce, too. She had it in a restaurant, to be remedied as it applies to the Smith- country will be cut to the bone, if the and the check made Mary blue! sonian and Museum, just as we were Congressional election of 1910 can do it." pleased when the Library of Congress Aye, there's the rub-"if the Congres-

should likewise hail the opening of all There may be the biggest sort of an upgreat buildings and places of interest. It heaval in November and yet leave the is in the true American spirit and befits present tariff law perfectly safe. No one cognizant of the situation at the Capitol We congratulate the authorities of the will be disturbed for a moment by the able step they have new tariff schedules framed by a Democratic or an insurgent House. An onslaught upon the new law might be attempted-probably would be-but it would From the Kansas City Star Some one of our numerous artists who inevitably meet successful resistance in fashion the fearful and wonderful things the Senate, especially since it has become for the alleged "comic" colored supple- a demonstrated fact that articles upon ments should see to it that a certain which the tariff tax was reduced have event of recent date in Pennsylvania is in many instances advanced correspondproperly set forth for the amusement ingly in price with articles upon which the duty was increased or left unchanged That the exactions of trusts are often provoking incident runs somewhat as made possible by the tariff, as the Churchman avers, is a well-settled conviction in many minds, that cannot be removed. But there is, nevertheless, less danger of the overthrow of the protective tariff system, less public demand for its overthrow, than ever before. There has

ceased to be a free trade South. As we have said, a political upheaval may come in November. Living conditions, now wholly out of keeping with the country's business prosperity, must improve, and improve decidedly, or such an upheaval will be invited surely.

Meanwhile, the administration, in addressing itself earnestly to a solution of the problem of high prices, should have pride in our national administration. the prompt co-operation of Congress, and of the good trusts themselves.

If "Uncle Joe" is bowled over this session, will that, too, be charged up to

Col. Roosevelt rides a horse in Africa make the horse laugh every time he From the Kansas City Journal. thinks of it.

average weekly doings of Hans and Fritz that, at the present rate of progress, "A prophecy is heard from Washington the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation will And yet there are carping critics who last about nineteen years," says the Pittsto go on forever.

It seems rather curious that nobody ever thinks it worth while to write sensible words for a popular air, or a popular air for sensible words.

The president of the National League our Sunday papers, remember the con- advises "kindness and consideration for stable and the woman whose "name was the umpire." The umpire gets plenty of Maud." You may content yourself with sympathy and good advice during the close season for umpires, of course,

The magazine editors appear finally to have discovered a rank odor about the Post-office Department, notwithstanding with the arguments denunciatory of the the fact that it seems to have escaped high cost of living, the total depravity of their attention heretofore. The wind has changed, we opine.

"Mrs. Christy declares that she will not sider the wisdom of the humble wood- have 'such an insignificant creature' as pecker as he applies it to the isolated her husband attached to her," says And now, so long it is, I scarce can tell oroblem of food.

The woodpecker, for real practical Mrs. Christy is said to have been the She hath attracted to my humble place.

When Pain within my chamber came to dwell; And though she is not fair of mien or face, She hath attracted to my humble place. working knowledge and foresight, has "perfectly lovely" model for the great majority of her husband's famous pic-

tures!

As a theoretical trust buster, Judge

"Kissing is overdone," says a Boston woman. Kissing is very rare in Boston, we thought.

King Edward is said to be a victim of in its chill embrace and clothed the and the Liberals claiming a victory, we

woods in dreariness, the busy little wood- should think his position on the fence pecker has a hundred or more of these would tend rather to calmness and peace

> One way of fighting the beef trust is by putting your surplus money in chicken farms. A concerted war along that line doubtless would be a short one and

We fear Senator Aldrich is planning neither to retire nor to turn the other cheek.

"A fish with legs has been discovered You see, the woodpecker lays aside his in Pittsburg," says the Norfolk Virginianacorns in such wise and in such places Pilot. Merely the ordinary variety of

> ber. Washingtonians, if you are going to do any baseball bragging this season, the order steers a middle course. He doesn't time to get busy is at hand. "Chicago University professors are try-

February is now in our midst. Remem

Bangs are to be fashionable again, it is

whispered. Since the "rat" fad became Style. "You may put me down as a ous issue in the year 1264. so general, we have been inclined to re- patroness whenever they have another

"If America had a poet laureate, Riley

would be the man," says the Indianapolis News. We doubt it. The usual methods of distributing political favors hardly warrant the assumption If we do not slaughter the cattle for meat, the cattle will eat up all the grass, rather languid."

to beat this game, anyway? If Mr. Roosevelt ever is elected Speaker, we predict that what he says will go,

A large number of people fear the meat ovcott will never grow to man's estate.

The comelately comet has two talls. visible alike in prohibition and anti-pro hibition territory.

Well, well! It is pleasant to see Paris getting in out of the wet, is it not?

"Senator 'Jeff' Davis, of Arkansas, does not see why that fellow Vardaman wants to come around butting in," says the Baltimore Sun. Senator "Jeff" may Washington, with its varied attractions, This foremost publication of the Epis- safely bid his rampant enxiety a long

> "The Senate has ruled that Webster's Dictionary is out of date," notes the Brooklyn Eagle. Still, the present Senate probably would rule old Daniel Web-

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Congressional Inaction. From the Charleston News and Courier

There is so much for Congress to do, and Con gress is doing so little!

The Constitution Comes First, From the Deseret News.

be placed above the Constitution. Is Alaska Unappreciative?

eneficent Guggenheim rule? Senator Depew's Joking Ways.

From the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. Senator Depew is carrying his mania for joking that he will again be a candidate for the Senate.

Congress Would Be Unnecessary.

From the Jackson (Miss.) News. With Roosevelt Speaker of the National House

of Representatives, as has been suggested, the coun- peace have shown the fortitude, the ca-

No Room for People's Approval. From the Detroit News. Covered with Aldrich, Havemeyer, Gary, and Can

Senator Burrows for the stamp of the people's approval. The Proceedings So Far. From the Louisville Courier-Journal

non "O. K." marks, there is scarcely room on

The proceedings at Washington so far have not

the Guggenheims to the public, or to increase ou Views Are at Variance. From the Indianapolis News. There is still another fine opening for a rapproche-

Senator Lodge says that prices are lower

in this country than they are abroad, and Secretary ends on what kind of investigation is made,

No Hard Feeling! same room with the proprietor. Guest-That will be all right; just put do you think of that?"

my valuables in the safe. A Revelation to Us, Also.

MY UNINVITED GUEST.

One day there entered at my chamber door A presence whose light footfall on the floor No token gave; and, ere I could withstand, Within her clasp she drew my trembling hand "Intrusive guest," I cried, "my palm I lend But to the gracious pressure of a friend! But to the gracious pressure of a friend Why comest theu, unbidden and in gloom

Trailing thy cold, gray garments in my room? "I know thee, Pain! Thou art the sullen for Of every sweet enjoyment here below; Thou art the comrade and ally of Death

And timid mortals shrink from thy cold breath "No fragrant balms grow in thy garden beds Nor siumbrous popples droop their crimson heads; And well I know thou comest to me now To bind thy burning chains upon my brow!"

And though my puny will stood straightly up, Prom that day forth I drank her pungent cup, And ate her bitter bread—with leaves of rue, Which in her sunless gardens rankly grew.

A company most gracious and refined. Whose touches are like balm, whose voices kind: Sweet Sympathy, with box of ointment rare; Courage, who sings while she sits weaving there; Brave Patience, whom my heart esteemeth much,

And who hath wondrous virtue in her touch. Such is the chaste and sweet society Which Pain, my faithful foe, hath brought to me.

And now upon my threshold there she stands, Reaching to me her rough, yet kindly, hands In silent truce. Thus for a time we part, And a great gladness overflows my heart; For she is so ungentle in her way That no host welcomes her or bids her stay; Yet, though men bolt and bar their house from thee,

A LITTLE NONSENSE PEOPLE AND THINGS

Sailors Stop Chewing.

idly coming to the conclusion that he

doesn't care for chewing tobacco, any-

gusting habit, and can be done away

person than the historian and the novel-

ist has pictured to us. Nowadays he

to a guid of tobacco, but, on the whole,

he is less inclined to both nicotine and

inal area of the United States in 1610 was

sus showed a population in our territory

of the census every ten years is some

what of a task, as can well be imagined,

when it is taken into consideration that

in 1900 it cost Uncle Sam no less than

the last census, and within thirty days

in all other areas. To perform this task

grog than he has ever been before.

Taking the Census.

Tea Drinkers.

ONE OF THE CHORUS. Paper Money. If all the world's a stage,

As some aver, The playbill has me slated as A villager.

I get no speaking role, Like other men; No chance for me except to be A citizen.

No matter what the scene. The only place

As populace. He Is Posted. "The man who really knows how to

I can call mine is back in line

demand \$5 worth of ham and eggs." "I see."

"Nor does he call for a 10-cent portion ing to discover the cause of sleep," says of terrapin."

The Newest Fad, "Some of our society women are assisting the shirt-waist strikers.

A Good Plan, We might forego the scars, The fractured joints, And wage our future wars Merely for points.

Force of Habit. "I undersand that all-star cast was

and then the price of breakfast foods "Yes, they played poorly for stars will advance again. Say, how are we Even the life they put into the mob scene was accidental, and came about merely through each of them trying to grab the center of the stage.'

He Declines.

the use of sailormen. This year's con-"Mister." inquired Dusty Rhodes, tracts will call for only about one third "have you got any old clothes you don't of that amount. The modern sailor is want? getting to be a much daintier sort of

"No; but here is an old automobile you may have. "Thanks, but I have enough trouble supplying me own wants without begging gasoline from door to door."

Came in Nicely,

"My husband has always preferred brunettes, which was very fortunate for

"As to how?" "Why, when we were married he had enough locks of hair on hand to make me an elegant set of puffs."

Virginia To-day,

John Stewart Bryan, in Collier's.

Better farming is only one phase of Vir ginia's campaign for education. For the that his family has increased by about mand" when it is offered as an excuse rest that movement is directed by men who with intelligence and vigor are suc-Mary had a little lamb, a little mint cessfully striving to make public-school instruction an effective weapon in the battle against ignorance and poverty. How that fight is going may be seen from ranked thirty-fifth among the States in \$19,000,000, judging by the rate of increase mand must be met. point of education. To-day Virginia ranks which has heretofore taken place, but it

not halted. Alaska, also, is asking for home rule. Can it ful fact in Virginia life, for it is a visible valuable information is expected to be be that Alaska is lacking in appreciation of its demonstration of the faith of the people obtained concerning out noncontiguous State. No horde of immigrants has come to this State. The people of Virginia in to make intelligent progress. 1910 are still of the same speech and blood as the men of 1860 and 1776. Their ideals of citizenship have not been obscured by the murk of materialism. And be cause the men of the present generation under bitter conditions of Impoverished try might save some money by abolishing Congress pacity, and the self-sacrificing patriotism of their forbears, the future of Virginia is confidently great as her past is glorious and secure.

A Novel Letter Post. From the New York Sun. "My brother has adopted a new way to post his letters," said an uptown clubman. "He called on a certain young woman the other evening, and among other things they talked of letter writtended to rehabilitate Mr. Ballinger, to endear ing. She said she didn't mind writing letters, but that she did hate to mail them. He declared that it was an awful bother, so they decided to devise some easier way than carrying them to corner

boxes. "Well, what do you think they did? After he left that night she sat down, wrote a letter to him, addressed it sealed and stamped it, and then opened the window and dropped it on the sidewalk. He came home, wrote her a letter, and did the same thing with it. I suppose you Clerk-The hotel is so crowded, sir, that won't believe me, but those letters the best we can do is to put you in the reached their destinations by the first delivery the next morning. Now, what

Presidential Succession,

From the New York American In case of the removal, death, or resig Speaking of the nutritive properties of nation or inability of both the President foods, it seems from the Ohio State Jour- and Vice President, then the Secretary A famous astronomer says the new nal that there are 41.593,010 ergs in one of State shall act as President until the comet is liable to split into fragments at calory. We had no idea there were so disability of the President or Vice President is removed or a President is elected. The rest of the order of succession is Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney General, Postmaster General, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The acting President in case Congress is not in session, must call a special session, giving twenty days notice

> Goose Thirty-two Years Old. From the Oglethorpe Echo.

John Henry Mattox, whose home is in Joosepond district, is possessor of a goose thirty-two years old. Its next birthday comes in June. The goose stands good chance of living quite a while onger. And doubtless Mr. Mattox would not part with the fowl that has been a member of his barnyard family for so long for any consideration. There is also among his collection of

fowls a peafowl that if it lives to celebrate its next birthday will be thirtyfive years old. There's a Good Time Coming.

"If the people bust the beef trust, i

from the Kansas City Times

may make lumber cheaper, too." "How?" Of hasty prime did make them bourgeon wide. "If people don't eat meat they won" consume toothpicks."

A Busy Woman. From the Boston Herald. "Have you ever wondered about your

usband's past?" "Dear me, no; I have all I can do in about his future."

UNCLE SAM'S PAY ROLL.

Coming to Be an Enormous Burden

for Country to Bear. Alhough generally recognized the world From the Indianapolis News.

over as the most satisfactory and convenient form of currency, paper money should realize what a burden their gov- terday in the lobby of the New Willard, is not a modern idea. Marco Paulo, the ernment is coming to be. We know what top-hatted, Prince Albert-coated, spick celebrated traveler, a native of Venice, vast sums have been spent and are being and span, and dapper and neat as ever. announced to Europe after one of his spent for army and navy and pensions, His iron-gray heavy mustache and hair trips into the Orient, that paper money but we do not always realize how great are as plentiful and youthful as ever. had been in use in China under the has been the increase in the ordinary ex- Col. Pennington is an inventor of inter-Mogus. Subsequently this popular form penditures.

of currency was introduced by the Mo-It was pointed out during the last cam- originator of the motorcycle and a balwere disou, or diaw, a word apparently paign that almost 190,600 names had been derived from the Chinese schaio, which added to the nation's pay roll during the the Zeppelins, Wrights, Curtisses, and means "a want of specie." The fact administration of President Roosevelt, other flyers look like the proverbial 20 that the Moguls used paper money in This involved an increase of salaries of cents, fold their flapping wings with China and Persia brought about the be- \$70,000,000. The incrase in employes was shame, and go home to mother. The lief that they were the originators of it. at the rate of 14,000 a year, and in sal- Pennington invention, it is claimed, files But we find in the history of Tschinghiz, arles of \$10,000,000 a year. In the last faster than any other-when it does. It Kahn, as well as in that of the Mogul full year of Mr. Roosevelt this rate of carries more passengers than any otherdynasty in China, published in 1729, a increase was exceeded, the number of reference to the suppression of the paper new employes being 22,000. And the figmoney which was in use under the ures are still climbing. We now have dynasty of Soung, which antedated the 370,000 public servants, as against 328,000 vases, pictures, chafing dishes, books, Mogul dynasty. The author of this his- last year. tory also mentions a new species of

These figures should give us pause. We ture on the Pennington fiyer is inflated "How interesting," murmured Mrs. De notes which were substituted for a previ- are now paying more than \$400,000,000 in with gas, in this manner assisting the salaries alone. Each man, woman, and inventor to make the tout ensemble go child is being taxed \$4.50 each year sim- up in the air, as it were, so to speak. ply for the ordinary expenses of the gov-According to reports from the Navy ernment, a sum which used to be almost accommodate, oh, say about a couple of Department, the tradition man-o'-wars- enough to meet all expenses, ordinary hundred, or maybe a couple of thousand. man, who made it a practice of rolling and extraordinary. No one doubts that of passengers, including men, women, his quid to the other side and spitting the government could, if it were organ- and children, and dogs. It is fitted out on his hands preparatory to taking to ized and conducted on business princi- with sleeping apartments, dining-rooms. his guns, is a thing of the past. It is ples-as it probably never will be-be libraries, kitchen, servants' quarters, sun

is no longer an essential characteristic used to maintain it. But even if we cannot get on a business | 000,000 hotel. of the man behind the gun, as he is rap-! basis, we ought to be able to make some Mr. Pennington, like most all genuine retrenchment in our pay roll. The land inventors and men of genius, is uncomway, simply because it is a rather dis- is filled with special agents, secret ser- municative. Yesterday he objected to vice men, inspectors, and inspectors of being interviewed; in fact, he refused to with while he is about his tasks. The inspectors. Special counsel have been answer to the friendly greeting of the Navy Department last year contracted hired to do work which other men were interviewer. He was pointed out as "Mr. paid for doing and should have done. Pennington, the great inventor," but for 220,000 pounds of chewing tobacco for Assistant attorneys have multiplied be- whether this is his name he neither conyond all reason. And the result is now firmed nor denied. He simply did not before us. Nor have we reached the end. deem it either necessary or advisable to It is not surprising that the President acknowledge the "How do, Mr. Penningshould have a good deal to say about ton? Anything new?" of his would-be economy. It is an old-fashioned and al- interviewer. most forgotten virtue. In these days of much prefers a cigarette or a clay pipe high prices and mounting taxes, it is well that we should give some attention to the comfortable divans in the hotel peasaving money. All this money comes out of the people, much of it from those who cannot shift the burden of taxationthat is, the poorer people, the much-

The total white population of the orig- talked-of ultimate consumers. but 210 persons. In 1900 the twelfth cen-LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

at that time of over 76,000,000. The taking Place for Greed and Injustice?

From the Kansas City Star. \$13,000,000. Since that date it is figured of the phrase, "the law of supply and de-know." 15,000,000 members. The enumeration for rapacity. When you get the answer, must be finished within two weeks in the "It is due to the law of supply and decities that had 5,000 population or over at mand" It's the one to be satisfied and let that settle it. Yet the situation of which H. Geary, of Philadelphia, a lawyer who you complain may be an artificial, not a promply the United States will employ the services of 75,000 men. The cost of natural, condition—a false manipulation in the American civil service is found the fact that four years ago Virginia the census of 1910 would be \$18,000,000 or of the supply with which the natural de-

Should, then, this glib explanation, "the positions are naturally not conducive to seventeenth, and her progress upward has is thought that the economical and im- law of supply and demand," be allowed habits of thrift and economy, and all civproved methods installed by Director to be a stone wall for greed or injustice lilized governments are finding it neces-You may judge a civilization by its Durand will run the total much below buildings. A century ago Virginia's this amount. Much saying has been efgreat edifices were the homes of the fected by the introduction of semi-auto- duces less of a necessary of living than a beautiful and stately shrines matic electrical card-punching, tabulat- better condition would produce, then the for an individualism that is gone. It is ing, and sorting machines. The perma- change of condition should be made, even the form of requiring the clerk to lay the country schoolhouse that dominates nent force of the Census Bureau includes if it involves very radical departures something by out of his own salary, rather the landscape in Virginia to-day. That 700 clerks. When the new figures and from the existing industrial or political than coming as a straight-out pension. change is the most impressive and hope- facts are sifted out and analyzed much order. And if by artificial means the sup- Other nations which have tried civil ply is contracted or cornered, to be doled service pensions and retirement do not, that the best education possible is the possessions. The work on the whole is out at the highest prices the people will as a rule, seem to like the cash payment right of the child and the duty of the of the utmost importance, and affords us stand, the people should refuse to "stand" data for the solution of national prob- such grim trickery at all.

lems that we cannot do without if we are In all unusual and critical times the people act sensibly and forcefully concerning such matters. San Francisco did not think of permitting the bakers and butch-English statistics on tea drinking are imply astounding to the American, who their bread and meat in the time of the land much the same as they are found in indulges but slightly on that beverage, earthquake and fire. The bakers and It is stated on authority that Dr. John- butchers did not even think of attempton, the great literary light, could, with- ing extortion then and of pleading "the out any difficulty, make away with a score law of supply and demand" in excuse. of cups at a sitting, and that he gently Yet it is just as distressful not to have childed a woman because she queried enough to eat when there has not been a and that the interests of the employe and whether he had not had enough when he fire as when there has been a fire. Inhad but finished the eighteenth cup. We deed, persons find it easier to get along are most of us aware that the madness of on not enough when the majority of tea consumption by Englishmen has se- others are in the same plight than when

ured a strong foothold in the business most of the others are gorging. houses of London-in fact, to such an Cannot this country, without any vioextent, that work is suspended at 5 lent social spasm, realize that a "laissez o'clock in the British capital while the faire" doctrine which will not do for an Briton drinks his tea. Nevertheless, we emergency is not good for any time? would hardly have supposed, as is the Will it not see that-for one specific illuscase, that the mania has got into the tration-the economic law of supply and House of Commons. Still, the caterer demand-the law that one quart of water of that august branch of Parliament says will not fill two empty quart cups-is be that each member therof averages six- ing twisted out of all natural legality by een cups daily. Just to think of it! being made a law unto greed and ignor-Sixteen cups of tea for every mother's ance?

The Skillful Feminine.

From Life. The Girl (rather weary, at 11:30 p. m.)don't know a thing about baseball, The Beau-Let me explain it to you. The Girl-Very well, give me an illus-

combs to fall in their very midst? tration of a home run.

Month of Purification—February 1.

February was one of the two months, gardening, of the sprouting of cabbase January being the other, that were intro- at this ungenial season, The name of luced into the Roman calendar by Numa "Sol-monatt" was afterward conferred twelve periods. Its name arose from the luminary of day from the low course actually kissed it. Yet I have had to the practice of religious expiation and in the heavens, which for some time he burification which took place among the had been running. The common emble-Romans at the beginning of this month matical representation of February is a "Februare" meaning to explate, to man, in a sky-colored dress, bearing in

son of them between noon and 6 p. m

Is it any wonder, then, that the British

statesmen lie awake of nights and worry

about various things, such as German invasions, and have visions in the dark of

dreadful airships floating over their be-

loved city and letting loose dynamite

For a considerable time February regularly had twenty-nine days, except in given to this wet, slushy month by our leap years, when it had one extra day English forefathers, for when the snow added to it, making thirty. But when melted, the rivers overflowed, the dykes Augustus chose to add a thirty-first day brimmed over, and long leagues of land a blue, smiling sky. A 'just as good' to August, that the month named for were under water. This circumstance him might not lack in the dignity en- was the means of calling forth the foljoyed by six other months of the year, lowing proverb; he took it from February which would least spare it, thus reducing it to twentyeight days in all ordinary years.

The character of February is well expressed in the following verse by Spen-

In an old wagen, for he could ride, Drawn by two white fishes for the season fitting, Which through the flood before did softly slide And swim away; yet had he by his side His plow and harness fit to till the ground And tools to prune the trees, before the pride

-Then came old February, sitting

Verstegan informs us that, among our Saxon ancestors, the month of February received the name of "Sprout-kale," from the fact, rather conspicuous in

his hand the astronomical sign "Pisces." "Feburary fill-dyke" was the name also

February fill the dyke Either with the black or white. This referred either to rain or snow.

tage in its adhering to the wintry character, the above rhyme having occasionally added to it-If it be white, it's the better to like.

verbs we have: The Welshman would rather see his dam on her bier, Than see a fair Februeer: And similarly expressed in the Scotch

collections: A' the months o' the year

February 1 is the birthday of Commodore David Porter (1780) of Victor Herbert, the famous musician (1859), the day on which occurred the naval battle taking care of his present and worrying between the Constellation and La Vengeance (1800), and on which the famous Bell Rock Lighthouse, off the coast of Scotland, was first lighted (1811).

AT THE HOTELS.

Mr. Pennington, of Cleveland, Ohio, New York, London, and other places of It is well that the people of this country this and other countries, was seen yesnational fame. He claims to be the loon which, when finished, will make all when its does; and is safer and more com-

fortable than all others-when it does. The chairs, tables, bedsteads, bureaus, inkstands-in short, every piece of furnisaid that the habit of chewing tobacco carried on for one-half the amount now parlors-in short, it is fitted out with every comfort and convenience of a \$10,-

One of the stock fixtures monopolizing cock alleys is the giddy young girl scarcely out of her teens, but feeling real naughty and venturing to flirt with rednecktied and trouser-cuffed Percy or Tom. or Dick, or Harry, or anybody. Should the victim bite, Muriel invites herself to "tea" or "a little salad," and Percy ponies up, even though he will have to Is This Satisfactory Phrase a Hiding get along on a quarter for the balance of the week. It is surprising how many 'nice' girls are following this practice. Very few stop to analyze the meaning It is safe to say that "mother doesn't

> Referring to the present agitation on the part of the employes of the government to secure a retirement measure J. was seen at the Arlington, said: "The hand-to-mouth way of living so common in every country where civil service, as we know it, prevails. Lifetime leases on

"With but a few minor exceptions, of retirement. England has a civil pension, and also a retirement fund. A few years ago there was a movement set on foot to commute the annuitles, but this was not met with favor by those who iners to charge anything they could get for This commission found conditions in Eng-America, and said that if the government employes were improvident enough to go down to old age without saving a compe tence they would hardly be provident enough to use judicially a lump sum, the government would be best subserved

by allowing him an annuity or monthly payments There is one point in this argument which is probably the most important. and that is the question of cost of living. The salaries of the government employe should keep step with the cost of living: f they don't, these people are simply forced to borrow that which is needed and it is not to be expected that they can

lay aside anything for their old age." J. F. O'Rourke, of Dublin, Ireland, a inen merchant who is making a business our of the United States, was seen at the Riggs recently. Speaking of the political outlook in Ireland, Mr. O'Rourke said: 'If only the Irish people will work hand n hand now, they can attain home rule

without much trouble. "It is dissension in the ranks of the Irish party in Parliament which prevents Ireland from securing home rule: it is the Irish themselves that defeat this

measure, and not the House of Lords. "Tell you something about the blarney tone? Well Blarney Castle isn't much of a castle to anybody nowadays who has seen the 'rale t'ing.' It consists chiefly of one tower with wings. In the wall of the facade, about twenty feet from the top, or, at a guess, forty-five feet from the ground, a stone about the size of a bushel basket protrudes. That's the real blarney stone. Only those ladies who have been lowered in 'boatswain's compilius, when he extended the year to upon it, in consequence of the return of chains' and the wild birds have ever sit and listen to many beautiful and truthful women tell how they knelt to

kiss the blarney stone. "I understand exactly what they meant, They didn't know the real from the imposition. The little village of Blarney has not much to commend it to the attention of travelers except the castle and the stone and a fine atmosphere and blarney stone has been placed in the courtyard of the castle, and for a trifling matter of a sixpence you and I may go into its sacred presence and press our lips upon its rough, clammy surface. But one isn't getting what one is bargaining Popular wisdom recognizing an advan- for."

The Clock Stuttered, Too.

A droll sort of fellow, given to stutter-Other rhymes supported the same view, ing, met an old college chum on the for in Ray's collection of English pro- street. They had some hours together and other things. As the tardy one stealthily ascended the stairs on reaching home, out of the darkness came his wife's voice. "What time is it?" she asked, sternly.

"It is j-j-j-j-ust one," he stammered. The words were scarcely uttered when the old-fashioned clock on the landing gave four laborious strokes.

"Do you hear that," she asked, sharply "But, my d-d-ear," he rejoined pleasantly, "y-you mustn't mind that k-k-clock. It's l-l-l-like me"